



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1308***

LCO No. 4341

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY OF LIBRARY RECORDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 11-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (a) The libraries established under the provisions of this chapter,  
4 and any free public library receiving a state appropriation, shall  
5 annually make a report to the State Library Board.

6 (b) (1) [Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-210, personally  
7 identifiable information contained in the circulation records of all  
8 public libraries shall be confidential.] The staffs of libraries shall  
9 protect the privacy of library users. Notwithstanding section 1-210,  
10 records maintained by libraries that can be used to identify any library  
11 user, or link any user to a library transaction, regardless of format,  
12 shall be kept confidential, except that the records may be disclosed to  
13 officers, employees and agents of the library, as necessary for  
14 operation of the library.

15 (2) Information contained in such records shall not be released to

16 any third party, except (A) pursuant to a court order, or (B) with the  
17 written permission of the library user whose personal information is  
18 contained in the records.

19 (3) For purposes of this subsection, "library" includes any library  
20 regularly open to the public, whether public or private, maintained by  
21 any school, college or university, or by any industrial, commercial or  
22 other group or association, or by any governmental agency.

23 (4) No provision of this subsection shall be construed to prevent a  
24 library from publishing or making available to the public statistical  
25 reports regarding library registration and use of library materials, if  
26 such reports do not contain personally identifying information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	11-25
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To protect the confidentiality of library records.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*